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New Wisconsin Army National Guard battalion to be formed Saturday

(MADISON) — The Wisconsin Army National Guard will establish a new battalion headquarters at a ceremony in Madison Saturday [May 1].

A ceremony to mark the activation of the 641st Troop Command Battalion will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the National Guard's Troop Command armory, 2402 Bowman St. in Madison.

The new battalion headquarters will have an authorized strength of 20 soldiers in Madison. The battalion's subordinate units hold another 482 positions and will be stationed in:

- West Bend — 832nd Medical Company and Detachment 1, Company D, 109th AVIM;
- Milwaukee — 32nd Military Police Company;
- Madison — Detachment 1, 32nd Military Police Company; 132nd Army Band; Detachment 1, 139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment; 232nd Personnel Services Company;
- Waukesha — Company B, 118th Medical Battalion;

The battalion's mission is to provide command and control of units within the command. This involves administrative, training and logistical support in peacetime, but when subordinate units are ordered to active duty, the battalion's mission is to mobilize them and prepare them for military operations.

Of the battalion's 500 soldiers, about 325 from five units are currently serving on active duty. These are the 832nd Medical Company, 32nd Military Police Company, 139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, 232nd Personnel Services Company, and Company B, 118th Medical Battalion.

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NOTE: News media are welcome to cover the ceremony, which will begin at 2:00 p.m.

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